

## BOAT MAINTENANCE

**FACT:** Products used to wash boat hulls and decks often contain toxic ingredients that are harmful to the marine environment. Degreasers dry the natural oils that fish need for their gills to take in oxygen. Underwater hull cleaning can leave toxic paint residues in harbor sediments.

**GOAL:** For boats in the water, use cleaning methods that prevent pollutants, sanding dust or other debris from being released into the water.



### ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:

- Do most maintenance and repair at the end of the season when your boat is out of the water.
- Limit in-water maintenance and perform cleaning where debris can be captured and disposed of properly.
- Use fresh water to clean your boat after every use.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning methods and non-toxic, biodegradable cleaning products.